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LCO No. 2814



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING OBSERVATION OF THE CONDUCT OF
ELECTION RECANVASS PROCEDURES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-311 of the 2026 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (b) (1) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
5 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
6 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
7 266, the moderator may require that such recanvass of such tabulators
8 be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located, or the
9 moderator may require that such tabulators be removed to one central
10 place where such recanvass shall be conducted. [All recanvassing
11 procedures shall be open to public observation, subject to the provisions
12 of subsection (d) of this section.] Such recanvass officials shall, in the
13 presence of such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of
14 the number on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one

15 is provided, on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such
16 registrars of voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the
17 keys of each such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such
18 recanvass officials, in the presence of such registrars of voters and
19 moderator, shall immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast
20 thereon, and shall then open the package of absentee ballots and
21 recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the
22 absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials shall check all outer
23 envelopes for absentee ballots against the inner envelopes for such
24 ballots and against the registry list to verify postmarks, addresses and
25 registry list markings and also to determine whether the number of
26 envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed is the same
27 as the number of persons checked as having voted by absentee ballot.
28 The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed at this time. Any party
29 representative present shall have a right to view each ballot as it is being
30 recanvassed by the recanvass officials, so as to be able to discern the
31 markings on such ballot. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same
32 forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the
33 absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

34 (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section:

35 (i) All recanvassing procedures shall be open to public observation
36 and shall afford members of the public the right to observe such
37 procedures in person and without the need to so observe through
38 electronic means;

39 (ii) The moderator shall not impede the ability of members of the
40 public to observe such recanvassing procedures; and

41 (iii) Any moderator who violates the provisions of subparagraph
42 (A)(i) or (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall be fined not less than one
43 hundred dollars.

44 (B) Nothing in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be
45 construed to allow any member of the public observing recanvass

46 procedures pursuant to said subparagraph to interfere with the conduct
47 of a recanvass.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	9-311(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To afford election recanvass observers greater ability to observe the conduct of election recanvasses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]